## MEMORIAL ALBUM OF

A BENTISH SUBJECT : 1 WAS BORN

PRESENTED AS SUPPLEMENT TO THE EMPIRE

A BRITISH SUBJECT : I WILL DIE

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E sixh day of June, 1891, will be reckoned as the most momentous day in the annals of Canadian history, for on it passed away amidst a nation's tears, not only the Premier of the Dominion, but the statesman who had presided at its birth, who had watched with careful solicitude over its early years, and whose name will be indissolubly linked with its progress while the name of Canada endures in history.

JOHN ALEXANDER MACDONALD, the second son of Hugh Macdonald, of Sutherlandshire, and Helen Shaw, of Badenoch, Inverness was born in Brunswick Place, Glasgow, on the 10th of January, 1815. When five years old he came to Canada with his parents, who settled in Kingston, where the future Premier was educated at the Royal Grammar School, and subsequently took up the profession of law. His great career is too well known throughout Canada to require any history of it here. Suffice it to say, he was elected member for Kingston in 1844, was less than three years in Parliament when he was called to the Ministry as Receiver-General in the Sherwood-Daly Administration on the 11th of May, 1847, since which time a sketch of his life would be practically the history of Canada, for in every great movement he was foremost, and to him incomparably more than to any other of our public men Canada owes the position of importance and influence it occupies to-day.

While the people of the Dominion to which he devoted his life's energy, recognizing his surpassing ability, lavished upon him every political moor there was to bestow, in other quarters than political his fame was recognized, and our great Universities hastened to do him honor, Queen's, Toronto and McGill Universities conferring on him the degree of LLD, while Trinity University created him a D.C.L. Nor were the Canadian Universities alone in this recognition of his greatness, for Oxford conferred on him the honorary degree of D.C.L., in 1865. While these honors were being heaped upon him in other quarters, Her Majesty the Queen was not unmindful of her most eminent colonial subject, for in 1867 he was member of the Privy Council of the Empire, and in 1884 had a G.C.B.

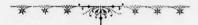
conferred on him; while in recognition of his great services to the Empire, Her Majesty has, since his death, conferred a patent of nobility on his widow, with the title of Baroness Macdonald of Earnschiffe.

He was twice married. First to Miss Isabella Clark, who died in 1856, and by whom he had one son, Hugh J. Macdonald, now member for Winnipeg. He married secondly in 1867, Miss Agnes Bernard, daughter of the Hon. T. J. Bernard, of Jamaica, by whom he has one daughter, and who, with both his children, survives him.

Succeeding a fierce electoral struggle in which he sounded the key begins to the memorable words of his address, "A British subject I was born, a British subject I will die," and in which he was again victorious, he met the House of Commons for the last time on 29th April, 1891. But the marvellous energy which had sustained him through herculean tasks at last gave way, and after leading the House for three or four weeks he was stricken down with paralysis. The events which succeeded—the weary watching for two weeks, during which all eyes were turned to Earnselifie; the tolling bells on Saturday night the 6th of June, proclaiming throughout the Dominion the death of Canada's great son; the lying in state with thousands crowding the Senate Chamber to take a last look; the great gathering at Ottawa and the still greater gathering at Kingston, till on the 10th of June the old chieftain was, by his own request, laid to rest near his mother's grave in Cataraqui Cemetery—will be vividly remembered whilst he present generation of Canadians live.

Amidst the telegrams and expressions of condolence which came from parts of the Empire, including a message from Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, no fact was more gratifying to Canadians than the intelligence that the memory of their great countryman had been honored by a memorial service in Westminster Abbey, and the subsequent news that it was decided to erect a tablet to his memory in that other great shrine of England's dead, St. Paul's Cathedral.

Knowing that hundreds of thousands of Canadians, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, who followed and honored the old chieftain, will be glad to have some memento of his life and death, THE EMPIRE sends out this Memorial Album in loving remembrance of its great founder.



RT. HON. SIR JOHN MACDONALD, G.C.B.



BARONESS MACDONALD OF EARNSCLIFFE



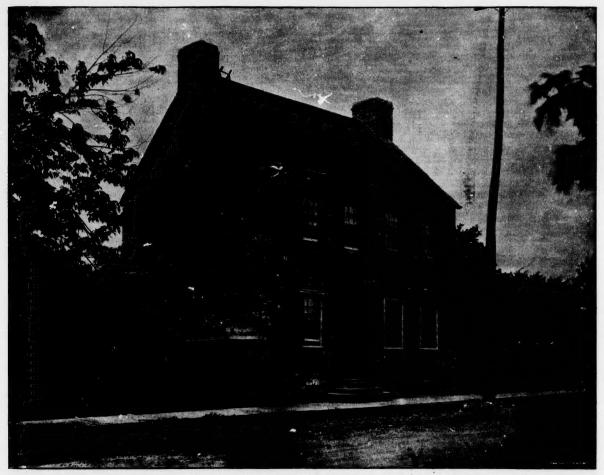
BRUNSWICK PLACE, GLASGOW, BIRTHPLACE OF SIR JOHN



THE EARLIEST PORTRAIT OF SIR JOHN EXTANT



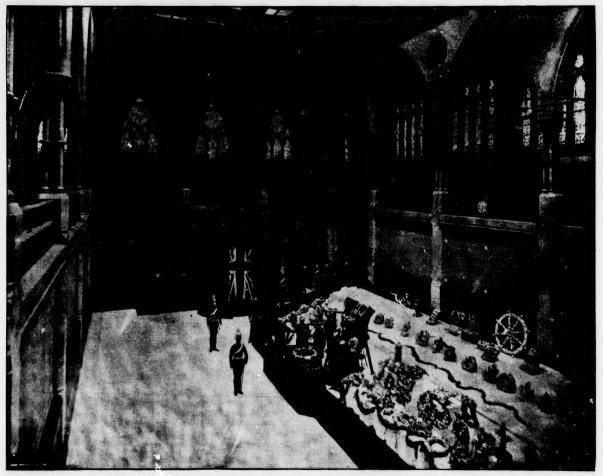
SIR JOHN'S MOTHER



SIR. JOHN'S OLD HOME, RIDEAU STREET, KINGSTON, IN WHICH HE LIVED DURING REBELLION 1837.



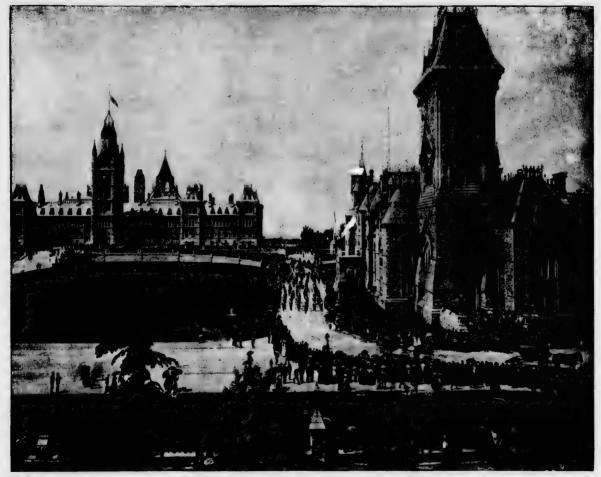
EARNSCLIFFE, SIR JOHN'S RESIDENCE AT OTTAWA



LYING IN STATE, SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA



FUNERAL LEAVING PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA



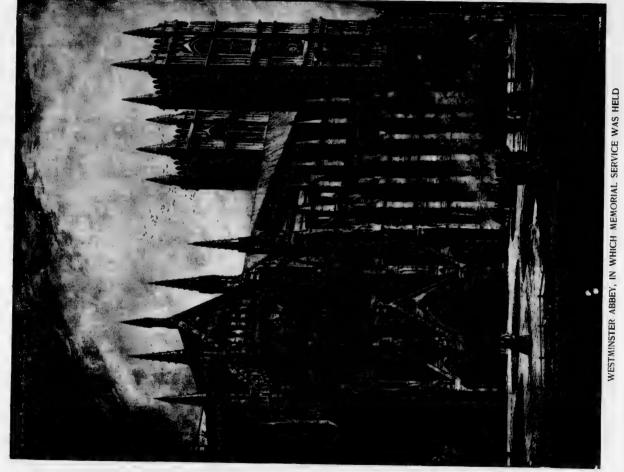
FUNERAL PROCESSION PASSING EASTERN BLOCK, OTTAWA

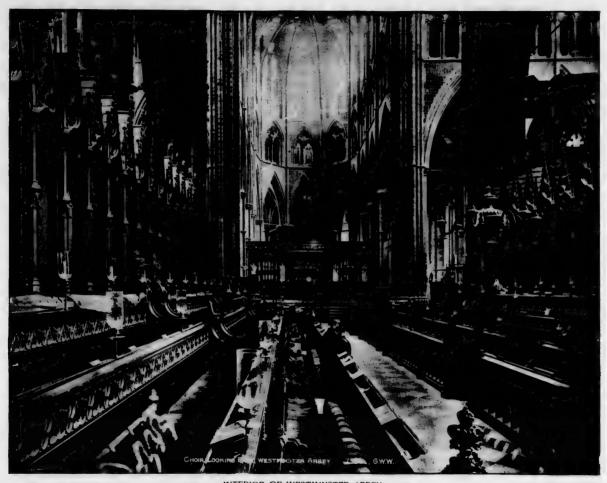


CITY HALL, KINGSTON, IN WHICH THE BODY LAY IN STATE



THE GRAVE AT CATARAQUI CEMETERY, NEAR KINGSTON

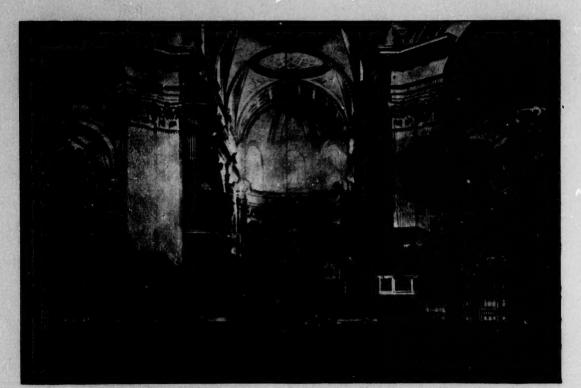




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